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#### **Man found dead off Waimea cliff**

WAIMEA – Kaua'i police are investigating an unattended death after a man was found dead on the cliffside of Waimea Canyon Drive Tuesday afternoon.

At approximately 6 p.m. on Tuesday, police were called to Waimea Canyon Drive, in the vicinity of mile marker 5.5, where a bystander who was scouting the area for goats observed a body about 200 feet below the cliff.

Due to the dangerous terrain and pending nightfall, emergency personnel were unable to gain access to the area that day.

On Wednesday morning, personnel from the Kaua'i Fire Department and Kaua'i Police Department began a body recovery operation. At approximately 12:15 p.m., firefighters from the Waimea fire station, Rescue 3 personnel, and the on-duty Battalion Chief, initiated a high-angle rope rescue system. Rescuers recovered the man's body at approximately 4 p.m., and with assistance from Air 1, his body was short-hauled to a nearby landing zone.

An autopsy is being scheduled to identify the man and determine the cause of his death.

The incident remains under police investigation.

Anyone with information on the man's identity or this incident is urged to call Assistant Chief of the Investigative Services Bureau Bryson Ponce at 241-1681 or Police Dispatch at 241-1711. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers Kaua'i at 246-8300.

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